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**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:17-cv-00814-TJK**

PROTECT DEMOCRACY PROJECT, INC. v. OFFICE OF  
MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

Assigned to: Judge Timothy J. Kelly

Case: 1:17-cv-00815-TJK

Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

**Plaintiff**

**PROTECT DEMOCRACY  
PROJECT, INC.**

Date Filed: 05/02/2017

Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of

Information Act

Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
05/02/2017	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-4937287) filed by PROTECT DEMOCRACY PROJECT, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B, # <u>3</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>4</u> Summons)(Murphy, Allison) (Entered: 05/02/2017)
05/02/2017		Case Assigned to Judge Amit P. Mehta. (jd) (Entered: 05/03/2017)
05/03/2017	<u>2</u>	NOTICE <i>Certificate LCvR 7.1</i> by PROTECT DEMOCRACY PROJECT, INC. re <u>1</u> Complaint, (Murphy, Allison) (Entered: 05/03/2017)
05/03/2017	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (1) Issued Electronically as to OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET. (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Consent Forms)(jd) (Entered: 05/03/2017)
05/03/2017	<u>4</u>	LCvR 7.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by PROTECT DEMOCRACY PROJECT, INC.:(See docket entry no. <u>2</u> to view document.) (td) (Entered: 05/04/2017)
05/13/2017	<u>5</u>	REQUEST FOR SUMMONS TO ISSUE re <u>1</u> Complaint, filed by PROTECT DEMOCRACY PROJECT, INC.. Related document: <u>1</u> Complaint, filed by PROTECT DEMOCRACY PROJECT, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Complaint)(Murphy, Allison) (Entered: 05/13/2017)
05/13/2017	<u>6</u>	REQUEST FOR SUMMONS TO ISSUE re <u>1</u> Complaint, filed by PROTECT DEMOCRACY PROJECT, INC.. Related document: <u>1</u> Complaint, filed by PROTECT DEMOCRACY PROJECT, INC..(Murphy, Allison) (Entered: 05/13/2017)
05/15/2017	<u>7</u>	SUMMONS (2) Issued Electronically as to, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (jf) (Entered: 05/15/2017)
06/02/2017	<u>8</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 5/25/2017. ( Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 6/24/2017.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 5/22/2017., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET served on 5/23/2017 (Murphy, Allison) (Main Document 8 replaced on 6/5/2017) (jf). (Entered: 06/02/2017)
06/09/2017	<u>9</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Matthew Joseph Berns on behalf of OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET (Berns, Matthew) (Entered: 06/09/2017)
06/09/2017	<u>10</u>	NOTICE OF RELATED CASE by All Defendants. Case related to Case No. 1:17-cv-00815. (Berns, Matthew) (Entered: 06/09/2017)
06/09/2017	<u>11</u>	Unopposed MOTION to Consolidate Cases by OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Berns, Matthew) (Entered: 06/09/2017)
06/12/2017		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>11</u> Defendant's Unopposed Motion to Consolidate Related Cases. It is hereby ordered that the later-numbered case, Protect Democracy Project v. Department of Justice, No. 1:17-cv-00815-BAH, shall be reassigned in accordance with Local Rule 40.5(c). Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 06/12/2017. (lcapm3) (Entered: 06/12/2017)

06/12/2017		CASES CONSOLIDATED. Case 17-cv-814 and 17-cv-815 have been consolidated pursuant to Minute Order filed 6/12/17. From this date forward all pleadings shall be filed ONLY in lead case number 17-cv-814 APM. The parties are advised NOT to elect to SPREAD text when filing in ECF, as this will result in repetitive docketing and emails.(td) (Entered: 06/15/2017)
06/21/2017	<u>12</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET.(Berns, Matthew) (Entered: 06/21/2017)
06/21/2017	<u>13</u>	ANSWER to Complaint <i>filed in Docket No. 1:17-cv-815</i> by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.(Berns, Matthew) (Entered: 06/21/2017)
06/22/2017	<u>14</u>	ORDER: Both a Complaint and Answers are now before the court in this FOIA case. It is hereby ordered that the parties shall meet and confer and file a Joint Status Report on or before July 6, 2017. See attached Order for additional details. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 06/22/2017. (lcapm3) (Entered: 06/22/2017)
06/22/2017		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 7/6/2017. (cdw) (Entered: 06/23/2017)
07/06/2017	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET. (Berns, Matthew) (Entered: 07/06/2017)
07/10/2017		MINUTE ORDER. In light of <u>15</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, the parties shall file a subsequent Joint Status Report on or before August 8, 2017, and the parties shall file Joint Status Reports on the second Tuesday of every month thereafter until further order of the court. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 07/10/2017. (lcapm3) (Entered: 07/10/2017)
08/08/2017	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET. (Berns, Matthew) (Entered: 08/08/2017)
09/12/2017	<u>17</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET. (Berns, Matthew) (Entered: 09/12/2017)
09/19/2017		Case directly reassigned to Judge Timothy J. Kelly. Judge Amit P. Mehta is no longer assigned to the case. (ztnr) (Entered: 09/19/2017)
10/10/2017	<u>18</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET. (Berns, Matthew) (Entered: 10/10/2017)
11/14/2017	<u>19</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET. (Berns, Matthew) (Entered: 11/14/2017)
12/12/2017	<u>20</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET. (Berns, Matthew) (Entered: 12/12/2017)
01/08/2018	<u>21</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by PROTECT DEMOCRACY PROJECT, INC.. (Murphy, Allison) (Entered: 01/08/2018)
02/08/2018	<u>22</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Vinita Balakrishnan Andrapalliyal on behalf of DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET Substituting for attorney Matthew J. Berns (Andrapalliyal, Vinita) (Entered: 02/08/2018)
02/13/2018	<u>23</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET. (Andrapalliyal, Vinita) (Entered: 02/13/2018)
03/13/2018	<u>24</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET. (Andrapalliyal, Vinita) (Entered: 03/13/2018)
04/10/2018	<u>25</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET. (Andrapalliyal, Vinita) (Entered: 04/10/2018)
05/08/2018	<u>26</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET. (Andrapalliyal, Vinita) (Entered: 05/08/2018)
06/12/2018	<u>27</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET. (Andrapalliyal, Vinita) (Entered: 06/12/2018)

07/10/2018	<u>28</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET. (Andrapalliyal, Vinita) (Entered: 07/10/2018)
08/01/2018	<u>29</u>	NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF APPEARANCE as to PROTECT DEMOCRACY PROJECT, INC.. Attorney Allison F. Murphy terminated. (Murphy, Allison) (Entered: 08/01/2018)
08/01/2018	<u>30</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Justin G. Florence on behalf of PROTECT DEMOCRACY PROJECT, INC. (Florence, Justin) (Entered: 08/01/2018)
08/14/2018	<u>31</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Justin G. Florence on behalf of PROTECT DEMOCRACY PROJECT, INC. (Florence, Justin) (Entered: 08/14/2018)
08/14/2018	<u>32</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET. (Andrapalliyal, Vinita) (Entered: 08/14/2018)
09/11/2018	<u>33</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET. (Andrapalliyal, Vinita) (Entered: 09/11/2018)
10/05/2018	<u>34</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET. (Andrapalliyal, Vinita) (Entered: 10/05/2018)
11/13/2018	<u>35</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET. (Andrapalliyal, Vinita) (Entered: 11/13/2018)
12/11/2018	<u>36</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET. (Andrapalliyal, Vinita) (Entered: 12/11/2018)
01/04/2019	<u>37</u>	Unopposed MOTION to Stay <i>Joint Status Report Deadline in Light of Lapse of Appropriations</i> by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Andrapalliyal, Vinita) (Entered: 01/04/2019)
01/07/2019		MINUTE ORDER granting Defendants' <u>37</u> Consent Motion to Stay. These cases shall be stayed until further order of the Court. It is further ordered that the parties shall file a joint status report within three days after funding is restored for the Department of Justice. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 1/7/2019. (lctjk1) (Entered: 01/07/2019)